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Sweet Deal

As the U of A seeks to balance their budget by 2014-15, faculty and staff have been given the opportunity to resign from their jobs— with some pretty decent perks.



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Tiffani Blatchford DAG WRITER

The University of Alberta has been hit by a series of budget cuts that have [dramatically affected] university funding. The Faculty of Arts (at North campus) has been hit the hardest, currently facing a budget shortage of 1.5 million dollars. One of the ways that the university is trying to make the tight budget more efficient is by offering a Voluntary Severance Package (VSP) to people employed by the University.

The VSP is open to all employees who are faculty members, service officers, librarians, and administrative and professional officers. Employees approved for the VSP will be required to enter into a formal severance agreement which will also be signed by the appropriate unions, Faculty and Employee Relations. They must also sign a release, which finalizes the agreement.

The new VSP differs from the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program that the University implemented in 2010. [The VSP] is available to all eligible continuing academic staff, not just those approaching retirement. A statement made by the university in an information sheet about the VSPs said "The Faculty wishes to negatively impact as few employees as possible."

The university has posted information about the VSP on the main U of A website to ensure that anyone

interested can find out all they need to know about the packages and are updated on what is going on.

Acting Provost and Vice President Academic of the U of A, Martin Ferguson-Pell, wrote on August 6th, "We appreciate that this announcement comes during a time of year when many academic staff are off-campus, so we will work hard to ensure that details about the program are sent to eligible academic staff multiple times and through multiple vehicles."

According to the site, the university was on a tight timeline for drawing up the 2014-2015 budget. Staff members who chose to apply had to have submitted an application form by September 16th, 2013. Since staff may not have had much time to consider the offer, the university set up a variety of services for staff considering the VSP, including financial and retirement planning to help them in their decision making.

Nine informational seminars were also offered to employees during the month of August this year, to ensure that people were aware of what exactly the program was about before they applied. Personal consultation was available via the university's Employee and Family Assistance Program. All of these resources were made available because once a staff member has signed the VSP agreement, they are officially

considered terminated and the decision is irreversible.

It should be noted, however, that many of the comments and questions posted to Martin Ferguson-Pell were not answered, and several people on the site expressed their dismay at this.

Details of the VSP itself were made as per Severance Provisions in the collective agreement, Article 20.05 d. Staff who apply for the VSP and are accepted by the review board will receive three weeks' worth of base pay per year of their service up to a maximum of twelve months' pay, so staff who have worked for the U of A for seventeen years or more will be receiving a full year of pay.

Employees who are eligible to retire and immediately receive a pension will be eligible to bridge their benefit premiums, since technically their employee benefits will end on the date of termination.

The U of A's website also offers an information sheet on the VSP Benefit Program being offered in place of employee benefits. This optional program offers employees the chance to purchase health and dental coverage, compounded by years of service they have provided to the university.

One year of coverage can be purchased per five years of service; for example, an employee who has worked five to nine years can pur-

chase one year of coverage, and an employee who has worked ten to fourteen years may purchase two years. However, the deal caps off at five years of coverage, available to those who have worked for twenty-five years or more.

Pension and Benefit Advisory Services also describes a series of other coverage options available to staff, so should not feel limited to accepting the one offered by the VSP, which as the information sheet states, "provides a high level of coverage at a higher cost than many individual plans" and "may not be a suitable choice for a person with no significant health issues."

Several employees, including professors, have chosen to accept the VSP and all of the benefits it has to offer. Augustana's Department of Fine Arts and Humanities has already seen some big changes in the past few months, including the retirement of English professor Dr. John Johansen in June 2013. The effects of the VSP have allowed for a little more room in the budget, however, and the Augustana Arts department is currently hiring a new professor to fill the Medieval Literature position.

For more in-depth information on what the Voluntary Severance Program entails and the changes it will be inviting, check out the website at www.hrs.ualberta.ca/VSP.

Mayoral Forum Attracts Student and Community Voters Megan Alderdice DAG WRITER

On Tuesday, October 22, Camrose's three mayoral candidates squared off in a debate that was hosted by the Augustana Students' Association. The forum, which took place in the Chapel, was moderated by Augustana's very own Hans Asfeldt. It drew in a large audience consisting of a mix of university students and the Camrose community, although community members made up the majority of the spectators.

The location of the debate served as a tool to both generate political interest among Augustana students, and to get the students involved in the concerns of the community. Any issues affecting the city as a whole will undoubtedly have an impact on the students as well.

The 2013 mayoral candidates were Mike Morris, Russell Hawkins, and Norman Mayer (who has since reassumed his position of mayor of Camrose. Mayer previously held office from 1977-1986, and again from 1989-2004).

Although the men didn't display completely opposing views on how to run the city, each offered up some unique solutions for many of the problems that Camrose

needs are and how those needs can be addressed. When asked about implementing more environmentally friendly practices in the community, and the prospect of a public transportation system coming to the city, each candidate had a very distinct response. Morris opted to revisit the city's sustainability plan. Hawkins, however, was the candidate most environmentally-oriented, and argued that being green doesn't have to be expensive. He claimed that the city has "no excuse not to be energy efficient."

While it seems that a public transit system isn't likely to be put into service anytime soon, Mayer and Hawkins brought forth other interesting suggestions. Mayer considered the possibility of subsidized taxis for the public, and Hawkins was in support of a system modeled after St. Albert's "dial-a-bus" system. This is an ideal transit service for a relatively low ridership, and it provides buses for the public "as needed" at specified bus stop locations where riders want to board or be dropped off.

As for assisting low income individuals and families, all the candidates aimed to make improvements to existing

solutions. Hawkins wanted to work on improving income levels, and increase the walkability of the city so people without vehicles can still get to work. Morris wanted the public to have easier access to services as well. Mayer would like for more support from the provincial or federal level and wants to look into subsidized housing for those suffering from poverty.

One question posed by an audience member inquired how each candidate planned to balance development with Camrose's limited water supplies. While Mayer and Morris both intend to tap into the North Saskatchewan if more water is needed, Hawkins disagreed. He hoped to promote the conservation and recycling of the water we are currently accessing.

When asked about how each would work with council as mayor, all of the candidates responded similarly. Morris felt that the mayor needs to work with council to create a better Camrose, and that the mayor's primary job is to be both a cheerleader and ambassador for council. Hawkins viewed the position of mayor as the face of council. As mayor, he would

like to find out what the people want and bring those concerns to council. Likewise, Mayer also sees the mayor as being a moderator between the public and council.

Each candidate stated that they planned to focus on specific elements of their job if elected. Successful mayor elect Mayer is oriented on economic development and wants to promote the growth of the city. Morris pushed for progress. In his words, "a vote for Mike Morris is a vote to move forward." Hawkins planned to make himself available as mayor, and meet with citizens on a personal level to address their concerns.

Bringing the mayoral candidates to the university campus to debate was a great way to get the university students interested in Camrose politics. All in all, the forum was a huge success.

[Editors' note: Mayor Norman Mayer returns to council with the following councillors: Agnes Hoveland, Kevin Hyche, Max Lindstrand, Ray McIsaac, Bill Sears, PJ Stasko, Wayne Thronsdon and Greg Wood.]

Third Annual Triathlon a Success Cameron Raynor DAG WRITER

On October 20th The Augustana Triathlon Club hosted the 3rd Annual Outdoor Triathlon. Augustana students and local athletes competed in the sprint distance triathlon which consisted of a 750m swim, a 20km bike ride, and finished with a 5km run. Athletes completed the course individually or as part of a relay team.

The triathlon was a fun event and the overcast skies and mild weather were perfect for excellent race condi-

tions. For many athletes this was their first triathlon and the emphasis was on having fun.

"The highlight for me was finishing my first triathlon," said James Thompson, after completing the race in the individual category. "It was good, I'll definitely be doing another one."

Overall the event was a hit; the weather was good, the courses were well marked, and there were post-race refreshments and plenty of draw prizes. As competitor Ryan

Burlingame put it, "What's really great is the group of people and how positive the small community of triathletes is with the Triathlon Club."

Each athlete received a certificate for completing the event and awards were given for the top finishes in each category. The fastest finish of the day was the Pink Team consisting of Blake Moore, Ryan Burlingame, and Joedy Dalke with a time of 1:00:54. The fastest individual female was Richelle Hoar with

a time of 1:20:09 and the fastest male was Cam Raynor with a time of 1:08:18.

The event was run by the Augustana Triathlon Club and was largely organized by club president Christine Degner.

"Today's event was a little stressful due to a major shortage of volunteers. However, the volunteers and athletes were good sports about it. Even though it was a tad chaotic, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I know I did!" said Degner.

Behind the scenes Gerhard Lotz was the timing mastermind. As Degner puts it, "Without him there would be no triathlon!" Local business also showed their support with donations from Tim Horton's, Green Gear, Tripolis, Starbucks, Papa Donair, The Edgeworth Center, The Canadian Brewhouse, Booster Juice, East Side Mario's, and Boston Pizzeria.

The club puts on the event for a variety of reasons: for club members to see their efforts in practice pay off and to bring Augustana students and the community together in a fun, active event.

The Triathlon Club gives Augustana students the chance to train and compete in triathlon with a friendly and encouraging group, whether

they are a veteran triathlete or new to the sport. The club is also open to community members. Aside from the fall outdoor triathlon, the club hosts an indoor triathlon in March. They also host some smaller events such as swim, bike, and transition clinics for members. This year the club is hoping to do more team events such as a relay race or a team trip to Edmonton.

The club is always welcoming new members. Degner said, "The primary opportunity for new members to join is during the two club fairs put on by ASA. There is one in the third week of September and another one in the third week of January. However, if you missed club fair you can contact myself, or any of the other club executives to express your interest. We also have a Facebook page you can 'like', called 'Augustana Triathlon Club' which is where we do most of our communicating."

To anyone considering giving the sport a try, Degner insists, "I would tell them to go for it! Anyone can do a triathlon and I'm not just saying that. The sprint distance triathlon is a realistic goal. I do recommend training because it will help you out in the long run but it is not an unrealistic goal."



Augustana athletes pose for a post-race picture. Photo courtesy of Taya Horst.

Fall Fanfare From Apple

Ian Anderson and Robyn Sheremeta DAG EDITORS

Apple's fall press release last week brought news of several new gadgets, including a new version of the MacBook Pro, the iMac (desktop), the free Mavericks OS software update, and the not-so-revolutionary iPad Air, which is dominating online news-feeds everywhere.

The first point for criticism is the iPad Air's price. The wifi version of the Air starts at \$519 for 16GB and comes in either classic Apple silver or space grey. For users who require more storage, Apple offers versions with more memory up to a 128GB version for a hefty \$819. Upgrading to the cellular data version of the iPad Air will set buyers back between \$649 (16GB) and \$949 (128GB).

As expected, the fifth-generation iPad checks all the boxes in terms of being lighter, thinner, and faster than the current generation. The Air weighs in at one pound, which is approximately 0.3 pounds lighter than the iPad 2—a noticeable, but not by any means an extreme change.

The Air is about 20% thinner than before, and Apple has reduced the bezel size around the edge of the screen by 43%, allowing the screen size to be expanded.

Apple's new 64-bit A7 processor, which is also found in the iPhone 5s, made it into the Air, which Apple claims runs 72 times faster than its first generation iPad.

If you already own a tablet, the iPad Air is not a necessity. The changes are not significant enough to warrant spending over \$500, and the more useful cellular version's price is far too expensive at \$649. If you are in the market for a tablet the Air is a contender, but there are still other comparable options available, such as the Nexus, Surface, and Kindle which all have pro versions of their own. The light-weight frame, however, is admirable.

Apple fans wanting the latest technology had better be waiting outside their nearest Apple stores before November 1, when the Air is released.

The Mavericks OS brings with it some nice "new shiny" features and a few back end updates. But is it really a big deal?

The answer, maybe. Mavericks is a free update for Mac users, previous updates



PHOTO: Apple.co

being \$20, and brings some new cool features.

Desktop users now have access to the iBooks app from the mobiles, this is where eBooks are stored and can be purchased. Also included was the mapping tools from the mobiles, which has been expanded upon.

The feature that worries me the most is the password manager, iCloud keychain. This stores your passwords in Apple's cloud so you never forget a password again. The problem is how is this encrypted? How secure is the transfer between the cloud and the computer? Before people trust all their passwords to be in the cloud, more information should be released.

The best features that comes in the update is the finder tabs and interactive notifications. This helps in sorting and organizing information easily, and allows for fast searching of the data by attaching tags to files. Interactive notifications allow you to answer messages, etc. without leaving the current app. This will be the feature users notice the most.

Finally the backend updates done were to battery life. Why isn't this the best feature? Because it is a Band-Aid fix the underlying memory management issue that OS X has had for years. This fix essentially compresses the data so you can fit more into the active memory and it will flush it quicker.

This will reduce power consumption, and it is a welcome addition, but it doesn't fix the underlying memory management issues that create the problem to begin with.

Overall Mavericks adds some nice new features and attempts at some real changes, but it falls short on fixing core issues that have persisted a long time.

Verdict: Definitely upgrade to Mavericks, but don't think of it as a new operating system.

Students' Association Hosts Annual General Meeting

Jennifer Ha DAG WRITER

The Augustana Students' Association held their annual general meeting on October 21st in the basement of the forum. All members of the ASA presented a report explaining their role in the ASA, the committees they are a part of, and the things they've been working on. Some representatives also addressed their election platforms and discussed their progress.

The major committees within the ASA are the Budget and Revenue Committee (TJ Jegede, Shaun Dubash, and Dewiliah Brown), the Agendas and Priorities Committee (Stephanie Grahke, Nathan Sereda, and Gordie Nelson), the Awareness Committee (Thomas Trombetta, Anny Chowdhury, Natasha Gacek, and Justin Draper), and the Activities Committee (Carolina Malloy, Heather Buerfield, Stephanie Smook, Rashmi Bale, and Emily Hay).

The Budget and Revenue committee members expressed plans to increase revenue as well as sponsorships from local businesses for student discounts. There are currently seven locations around Camrose offering student discounts, including Happy Choptis, Bra Necessities, and The Taproom.

Shaun Dubash, VP Finance, handed out copies of the ASA's estimated annual budget. The current estimate expects a \$3,899.57 deficit for the 2013-2014 budget.

Some of the estimated expenses, which some may find surprising, included \$55,571 for salary, \$12,000 for the winter formal, \$8,500 for The Dagligtale, \$4,000 for the campus garden, and \$1,000 for elections. Some of these expenses also garner estimated income, such as \$1,200 in ad sales for the Dag and \$7,500 in ticket sales for the formal.

The entire estimated budget can be viewed on the ASA website, for which there will be a launch party on October 30th from 10:10-10:30am in the forum.

The Agendas and Priorities Committee focuses on "buildings, budgets, and by-laws". Major focuses of the committee right now include a building proposal for the ASA building, the campus garden, and a plan to increase equipment rentals for clubs. According to off-campus representative Nathan Sereda, current inventory for clubs include the popcorn machine, a projector, and a PA system.

Thomas Trombetta noted the Awareness Committee's

belief in the importance of the recognition of social issues.

The committee focuses on the well-being and engagement of students. They are organizing Tricks for Treats, have sponsored a child, and are the committee that organizes Wellness Week, set to happen from November 25th to 29th. The week will feature yoga, a free listening booth, Booster Juice smoothies, pet therapy, and sexual health programming, all for free.

The Activities Committee works with clubs and plans campus events, such as Welcome Week and bashes. There are plans by the committee to put together a second Welcome Week for the winter semester, a Dark Knight trilogy movie night on November 3rd, and a Vikings Calendar. The committee works to engage students and get students involved in school activities. They also want to increase the involvement of off-campus students this year.

The ASA is committed to planning some exciting events this year. Some new ideas include a talent show, a Taste of Camrose festival, and the absorption of the community garden.

Regarding student concerns about academic advisors, off-campus engagement, and welcoming students who are new in January, the ASA mentioned plans to address them as well. However, some speeches were vague on the extent of the involvement that the ASA took on campus events.

There were mentions of the ASA "putting on" or "being in charge of" events such as Preview Days, political forums, and various club events. While as student government and the overseer of club affairs, the ASA has involvement in these events, the word choice in the reports was misleading and dismissive of other organizations' efforts.

Question period was a great exercise of democracy for campus politics. First year representative Justin Draper ran on the platform mainly focusing on the availability of "permanent drinking water structures in first year dorms".

[Draper's] response to a question showed that the issue is not about the drinkability of the water in first year dorms, which come from the same source as the rest of campus, but perhaps the ergonomics of the first year dorm sinks.

Several club representatives expressed concern over the later-than-usual re-

lease of the club budgets. The ASA blamed the high number of clubs as well as the "vague budgets some clubs proposed" for the delay. The ASA has plans for every club to have a transitional binder to ease the carrying over of clubs in coming years.

President Jame Vy turned the question period around on the audience and polled opinions on the very up-in-the-air idea of extending library hours or opening up another space for student studies during exam periods. Vy also recognized and celebrated Augustana's Dean Berger for his involvement with students, his dedication to improvements, and transparency in all issues.

Many of the promises made during last year's elections, or some of the goals and plans held by the ASA were discussed by the representatives. Unfortunately, many of these ideas, such as separating the residence fees from cafeteria plans and lowering residence internet fees, are not possible to carry out due to a variety of reasons, [one of which includes the ASA's inability to change university structure].

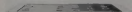
Many ideas are still in motion, such as off-campus student engagement. The ASA emphasized that they work hard to make sure the impact of budget cuts on students are minimal.

The AGM is an event where students can go and learn about the structure and actions of their student government. They can ask questions, express concerns, get to know the ASA better, and receive free pizza.

The members of the ASA appeared to be honest about their goals and struggles, and were open to questions. Students can walk away with a better sense of what is happening around campus, whether they agree with it or not.

All representatives made it clear that they were available to discuss issues with students, and that they should feel free to contact them or visit the office.

[Editors' note: The AGM is not the only time ASA meetings are open to the public. Council meets in the ASA boardroom every Monday at 5:15pm.]

iPad Air
The new Apple iPad

Camrose Open Door Holds Annual Bed Race Lee Metrunec DAG WRITER

The Camrose Open Door Association makes it their goal to support youth and young adults that need assistance in Camrose. They aid people from the ages of 16-24 by providing a safe living environment, as well as meeting their basic needs of food and drink. In addition to supplying a place to live, the Open Door provides counselors. They also provide a PEER Connections program that helps youth to gain work experience and develop their skills that will assist them in finding employment.

On October 17, 2013, the Camrose Open Door held its 8th annual Bed Race at the Camrose Regional Exhibition. Randal Nickel, executive director of the Camrose Open Door, acted as MC for the event. This year, the ten Bed Race teams created, decorated, and raced their bed carts, all in the name of raising money for the organization.

The event was a huge success, as many people attended to watch. The goal this year was to raise \$20,000, al-

though the final amount was not known that day, as the fundraising still continued. These funds will go towards buying beds for youth and young adults in need.

The three judges—Shauna Chabaszcz from Creative Bedrooms, Blain Fowler from The Camrose Booster and the Battle River Community Foundation, and Ray McIsaac from the Camrose Kodiaks and the City Council—started their judging at noon. They judged the beds based on their creativity, team participation, the effort put in, and the overall appearance of the beds, to determine the winner of the "Best Decorated" category. The decorated beds ranged from Halloween to Christmas themed, and the costumes ranged from groups of Vikings to superheroes.

The racing started promptly at 1:00 pm. For each team of five, one member had to be on the mattress at all times, while the other four would push their bed 30 meters, turn around, and push 30

meters back. In groups of two, each team raced twice, and they were then placed accordingly to their times. The top eight teams raced again, with first vs. eight, second vs. seventh, and so on. The winners of these races were then able to continue with another race for each team. The victors moved into the final round, where they competed for first place, the Golden Spring Award, and a meal for 25 people at the Brewhouse. This year's winner was The Dream Team from World Financial Group.

The team prize for "Most Money Raised," was not given out, because the teams still had a chance to collect money in their names. They were able to beg and borrow from whomever they could in an attempt to come out on top until Friday, October 25. [At the time of printing the amount raised was still unknown.]

The day went with few mishaps, but not all the beds survived to the end of the day. In one of the semi-final

aces, one of the teams nearly lost a wheel. It was enough for the bedpost to drag on the ground, and created quite the commotion with sparks flying. Unfortunately the bed had to be carried to retirement.

In addition to the races, teams had the chance to compete in two optional challenges. The Backwards Slalom had teams run their beds backwards while weaving around four pylons. The Fox Fabulous Five, The Dream Team, Team Arcamaine, and the Bethel Sunday School Vikings chose to compete. The teams with the fastest time without knocking any of the pylons over, was The Dream Team. They collected their second win of the day, a prize basket donated by Video Rentals.

The second challenge, Musical Beds, had teams run around their beds until a whistle was blown, and then all the team members had to sit on their bed, with the slowest team facing elimination. Team Arcamaine, the Camrose Women's Shelter Superheroes,

and Team Clown Alley participated. The winner of the contest, and ten passes to the Camrose Aquatic Centre, was the Camrose Women's Shelter Superheroes.

Giving the racers a break during the event, Fox Taekwon-Do, who also had a team competing in the races, performed a demonstration led by Master Fox to entertain the crowd. The group members varied in age, from young children to young adults, and in skill level from yellow belts to black. The demonstration included synchronized moves, no-contact sparring, and breaking wooden boards with hands and feet.

Overall, the day went smoothly, and it was great to see community members taking an active role in supporting the organization. Good times were had by all.

If you are interested in learning more about the Camrose Open Door and what they do, you can visit their website: www.camroseopendoor.com

Last Minute Halloween Costumes-- Because Being Proactive Is Too Mainstream Robyn Sheremeta DAG EDITOR

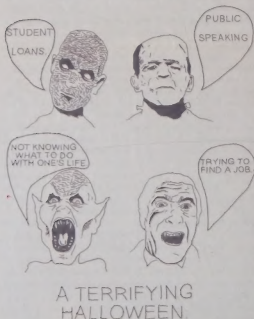


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Women, you can only get away with wearing those fuzzy animal ears once. Twice, tops. Men, I don't care how convincing your "nudist on strike" costume is—I'm not buying it. You wore the same outfit to class last week.

Not all of us can go all Heidi Klum on Halloween (don't know what I'm talking about? Google "Heidi Klum Halloween"). That woman loves her costumes, because we lack both the budget and the time to piece together an elaborate ensemble. Store

bought costumes are usually tacky, ill-fitting, and too expensive for what they contain, and what university student has time to make an entire costume from scratch? I understand the conundrum, I really do.

Dressing up for Halloween doesn't necessarily need to be difficult or expensive; the issue, however, is originality. If you're stumped for ideas on October 30 and still don't know what to wear to the Halloween bash at the Bailey, or to the bar on the weekend, look no fur-

ther. Here's a good starting point for those of you who love to procrastinate.

Hipster anything: Take your average, run-of-the-mill costume, add some black rimmed glasses, skinny jeans, and a scarf, and you're set. Just make sure to keep the same colour scheme or accessories your character would wear to avoid confusion. It's a bit of a cop out (hell, most of these ideas are cop outs), but you'll be recognizable and the costume components are easy to find. The internet is bursting with ideas for hipster fairy tale characters and Disney princesses (trust the girl who dressed up as hipster Ariel last year).

Political joke: Are you that guest at the party who always has an opinion on everything? You're in luck! Now you can openly display your knowledge of political terminology and current events without even opening your mouth! Well, you'll probably still shove your political views down your friends' throats, but at least it'll be funny and "in character." See buzzfeed.com list of 8 must-have political Halloween costumes for inspiration. Wendy Davis, Obamacare, Vladimir Putin, government shutdown... the possibilities are endless.

Make use of your formal wear: Every twentysomething owns a formal dress or suit that they'll never wear again. Make good use of it and include it in your costume. A

business suit or tux can transform you into Barney Stinson, James Bond, a mobster, or even Prince William (bonus points if your girlfriend dresses up as Kate Middleton). A lonely formal dress is material for a prom queen, princess, "Toddlers and Tiaras" personality, and various movie characters. You'll just need to buy or borrow a few accessories.

Beanie Babies: Remember those animal ears I told you not to wear? Go ahead and wear them, as long as you're dressing like a Ty Beanie Baby. Don your fuzzy animal ears, proudly wear that little ribbon bow around your neck, and paint on some whiskers and animal features—just don't forget to make a cardboard Ty heart to prove your authenticity.

Sexy "insert-cliché-costume-here": Please, for the love of god, do not wear your sexy nurse costume to class. Not only will you be a fish out of water, you'll also be uncomfortable, cold, and you'll have to find a matching sexy nurse bag to carry your books. How awful. However, if you have a surplus of short dresses and/or sexy lingerie, I wholeheartedly encourage you to wear them. Imagine the possibilities! Sexy witch, sexy secretary, burlesque dancer, Chippendale... go for it.

Halloween comes and goes but once a year, which is both a blessing and a curse. We can breathe a sigh of relief

knowing that we only have to come up with witty costumes once a year, but its fleeting presence makes it more difficult for us to think of said witty costumes. How many people actually remember to go out and shop for Halloween costumes right away, or have supplies to make them? No one I know, that's for sure. Thankfully, this is what friends are for. Don't be shy; borrow their mint green pants for a day or two!

Now get out there and spook, scare, and eat truckloads of candy in style!



Exhibit A: one effortless and free-to-make Hipster Ariel costume.

Scoring at SCORE! Jenn Laskosky DAG WRITER

Do you like free stuff? If so, then SCORE is the place you needed to be on October 17. This year was the fourth annual SCORE at Augustana, and students were nothing if not excited. October 16 was drop off day and the excitement began to build as Augustana students began to see piles and piles of donations heading into the forum. Every item absolutely free and for the taking.

SCORE is like a giant store where everything is free to give and free to take. The one day event brings together students, staff and even community members. SCORE creates an environment where everyone can feel welcome on Augustana's campus, but most importantly everyone has the chance to participate and interact in and around Camrose. This is where poverty has no

place and everyone is equal. This year's SCORE had everything from bags and clothes, to books and household items, a canoe, and so much more. There was no shortage of [interesting items] and throughout the day students could be seen checking out all there was to offer. Some students even came across items that they had previously donated, bringing back some good memories and their own personal Christmas.

From the look of excitement on countless faces and the smiles that resulted from finding that perfect item, it was obvious that people just couldn't help themselves. Students who had participated in SCORE last year seemed to contain the most excitement of everyone around. [One student] described the event as their own personal Christmas.

Throughout the day in today's society. No matter what kind of crazy objects you can find lying around your house, chances are SCORE will be the place they can find a new home. As the old saying goes, "One man's trash, is another man's treasure," and SCORE is the place for everyone to find their new treasure. This year SCORE took place on Spirit Day. The aim of Spirit Day is to stop bullying against LGBTQ individuals. SCORE set up a special clothing section where people could pick out some purple merchandise to wear to show their support against bullying.

As with any community event, donations are always welcome and this year was no exception. All leftover items were donated back into the Camrose community. This year all money donations which would be matched by

the Augustana Chaplaincy, went to the Sahakarini Inter-World Development and Education Association. Sahakarini has partnered with many organizations to contribute to a numerous amount of diverse projects in places such as India, Uganda, Brazil, and Haiti. They assist in everything from basic needs and sustainability, to helping women and youth fight injustice. Their main goal is to empower and enable people.

SCORE was created by former Augustana student Carmelle Mohr. Her main focuses were on reciprocity, community, and sustainability. Today, it still focuses on all of these and this year it was very evident. Just as SCORE is about community, it is also about equality and everyone coming together. Having SCORE fall on Spirit Day made it all the more meaningful.

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Multi-Club Fundraiser December 6!

Do you have experience planning off campus events? Want to earn that experience?

The clubs of Augustana are looking forward to hosting a themed fundraiser at the Elks hall on December 6 (the day after the last day of classes), but we need YOU to make it happen. So if you have musical, artistic, organizational and enthusiasm-generating abilities we would love to have you on board our planning process!

Time is running out. Contact kerstyn@ualberta.ca to get involved or for more information.

2nd Annual Staff vs. Students Benefit Hockey Game

When: Wednesday, December 4th 2013
from 7:00-8:00pm

Where: Edgeworth Center parking lot

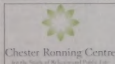
Who: 20 staff vs. 20 students

Cost: \$20

Why: All proceeds going to Camrose Kidsport

Deadline for sign up: November 22nd, 2013

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SPIRIT OF THE LAND
-BUILDING A COMMUNITY LAND ETHIC-

Augustana Campus- University of Alberta will host a conference in Camrose on November 1 and 2 to foster dialogue around spiritual connection to land and place. Co-sponsored by the Chester Ronning Centre, the U of A- Augustana Campus, and the Aboriginal Student Office, the conference follows its predecessor, "Responsibility for the Land- Conversations on Fracking in Alberta," which was held in the Fall of 2012, and organized by a group of dedicated students concerned about the political and ecological issues of hydraulic fracturing.

This year, we hope to deepen our scope to include the spiritual dimensions of our ecological challenges. Alongside a host of newcomers, last year's conference organizers will collaborate with First Nations leaders, farmers, scholars, and ecologists to create an open floor for Albertans hoping to foster a deeper connection to land and community. Guiding the conference is a belief in collaboration, understanding, and above all the cultivation of relationships and community, with community including both the people and the land that supports and nourishes us.

The conference will feature Sylvia McAdam, one of the founders of Idle No More, and Janice Makokis, a First Nations scholar in Alberta. We will also hear from Dr. Roger Epp, former Dean of Augustana and current Political Science professor at the University of Alberta, Lorne Fitch, award winning conservation biologist, and Chris Turner, bestselling Canadian author of "A Geography of Hope." The conference will also host a panel of young and seasoned farmers including Takota Coen, Don Ruzicka, and Brenda Barritt, who will share their land ethic in practice. Round table discussions will be an important part of the conference and will encourage all participants to further the conversation and envision how we might collectively create a community land ethic.

All who are interested in the conference are welcome to join us on November 1 in the evening and all day on Saturday the 2nd and to take part and contribute their voices to the conversation. Whether or not you are able to attend, please register or connect with us on our website (spiritoftheland.ca) which has many Augustana students, community members, and others sharing their thoughts on connection to place, community, and spirituality.

The Spirit of the Land Team
Camrose, AB

On A Positive Note: Progress On The UN's Millennium Development Goals

Kate Anderson DAG WRITER

The 17th of October marked the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Although the day is relatively unheard of, it has been observed every year since 1993 by the United Nations Headquarters.

Let's face it, it can be easy to be pessimistic about our world today. There are a lot of problems - natural disasters, wars, sweatshops, incredible greed, people trapped in the sex trade, atrocities to the environment, and many people needlessly dying from poor living situations they cannot avoid, or health issues that, to us, are quite minuscule. It is easy to see all of the issues and be paralyzed into inaction. Thankfully there is a lot of good news in the world too - we just forget about it all too easily.

In 2000, the United Nations made a goal to eradicate poverty by 2015, an initiative titled the "Millennium Development Goals", or MDGs. It seems a lot of people have either not heard of it, or forgotten. With the deadline not very far away, it is encouraging to see how far the UN has come, as well as how far there still is left to go.

What are the goals? They cover 8 different areas of poverty eradication, ranging from the typical view of poverty - not having enough food or basic needs - to improving the world as a whole in terms of environmental sustainability and trade.

The first goal is to **eradicate extreme hunger and poverty**, or, in a more tangible sense, to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger, as well as to have the number of people living on less than \$1.25 each day. A significant factor in this is also "achieving full and productive employment and decent work for all".

The second goal is to **achieve universal primary education**, meaning that, by 2015, boys as well as girls everywhere will be able to "complete a whole course in primary schooling".

Thirdly, the millennium development goals aim to **promote gender equality and empower women**. According to the MDGs, that means eliminating gender inequalities in primary and secondary schools by 2005, which the MDG website claims has occurred, but to also achieve equality at all levels of schooling by 2015.

The fourth goal is to **reduce child mortality** (specifically targeting child deaths under five years of age) by two thirds. Going hand in hand with this, is goal number five, which is to **improve maternal health**. That means reducing the maternal mortality rate by three quarters between 1990 and 2015, as well as achieving access to reproductive health care.

Sixth, the goals aim to **combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases**. The UN

hopes to have halted, and begun to reverse, the spread of HIV/AIDS, as well as malaria and other major diseases, by 2015. The HIV/AIDS goal came with the attached initial aim of achieving universal access to treatment for anyone in need. This target was missed, but access to HIV/AIDS treatment has increased in all regions since this goal began.

The seventh goal targeted all nations to take steps to **ensure environmental sustainability**. This means

"integrating principles of sustainable development into countries' policies and programs" to reverse the environmental strain that has begun, resulting in the loss of resources. Not only is the goal to reduce the loss of resources, but also to significantly reduce the rate of loss of biodiversity. The next step of this goal is to halve the number of people without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. Lastly, this goal hopes to "significantly improve the life of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020."

Last but not least, the eighth MDG is to **develop a global partnership for development**. This goal includes developing an "open, rule-based, predictable, non-discriminatory trading and financial system", addressing the special needs of the least developed countries (including landlocked and small island developing states), dealing with the debt problems of de-

veloping countries, providing access to essential pharmaceutical drugs in developing countries, monitoring aid delivery, and making the benefits of new technologies available.

With the end date for the goals being in 2015, and with 2014 so quickly approaching, it is interesting to see how far the goals have come, as well as how far some of the goals still need to go.

Some quick facts about the positive differences that have been made so far:

The goal to halve the number of people living on less than \$1.25 per day was successfully reached by 2010.

Halving the number of people who suffer from hunger is a goal that is within reach for 2015.

Enrollment in primary schools went up by 8% from 1990 to 2010, reaching 90% in developing countries.

17,000 less children are dying each day.

More and more women are receiving prenatal care, and maternal deaths have declined by 47%.

AIDS related deaths have declined, and malaria has been reduced by 17% since 2000.

Protected areas have increased by 58% since 1990, aiding in slowing the loss of biodiversity.

The target to halve the number of people without safe drinking water was met five years ahead of schedule.

The target to improve

lives of 100 million slum dwellers was met well in advance of 2020.

These [advancements give hope] that improvements can be made in the face of seemingly hopeless situations. It should be noted that there is a very long way to go, and the MDGs are currently making a plan for after the 2015 deadline.

There are still 1.2 billion people living in extreme poverty, 57 million children not enrolled in primary schooling (as of 2011), immense gender disparity, 6.6 million children dying before they reach 5 (2012), nearly 50 million babies are delivered without skilled care, only half of the women in developing countries are receiving the recommended amount of health care they need, knowledge of HIV transmission and condom use remains low among young people, CO₂ has increased by 48% since 1990, and hardly any change has been made for a global partnership for development.

There is a long way to go, and many issues with achieving these goals. However, that is no reason to give up hope and remind ourselves that there is a lot of good going in the world - sometimes we just don't see it.

If you would like to know more about the MDGs, please visit their website, <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

What grinds your gears, Augustana?

When people don't listen to the prof before they ask questions.

Smokers littering their cigarette butts.

Loud typists.

Not being able to take certain classes because they're taught on rotation.

The Charter of Quebec Values: What's It All About? Kate Anderson DAG WRITER

There has been considerable attention given to the proposed Charter of Quebec Values in recent weeks. Rallies both supporting and protesting the Charter have been seen in Montreal in the last few weeks, and the Charter has evoked strong reactions in both directions.

Augustana held a discussion about the Charter earlier this month led by Political Science and Philosophy Professor Jérôme Melançon, and David Goo of the Chester Roning Center for the Study of Religion and Public Life. Within the discussion, they clarified what the Charter actually says, as the media has primarily focused on the reaction of the people more than the Charter itself.

What does the Charter of Quebec Values actually say? It highlights five proposals within the Charter itself:

1. Amend the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms
2. Establish a duty of neutrality and reserve for all state personnel
3. Limit the wearing of conspicuous religious symbols
4. Make it mandatory to have one's face uncovered when providing or receiving a state service
5. Establish an implementation policy for state organizations

The Charter requests neutrality in both appearance and behavior, and the Charter is an attempt to encourage religious equality within Quebec.

The state's independ-

ence from religion, reinforced in this Charter, is intended to encourage tolerance toward religions and no preferences for a specific religious belief.

A few exceptions are being made: allowing the crucifix in the National Assembly, the cross on Mount Royal, and Christmas trees to remain in government buildings, all in the name of preserving Quebec culture.

It is true, as Goo illustrated during the talk that Quebec has a rich Catholic history, and the seemingly sudden switch to secularism in the 1960s has had an immense effect on the once so richly Catholic culture.

What is the point? Melançon points out three clear main values behind the

Charter. Secularism and equality between men and women, and the French Language are at the forefront of this Charter. In encouraging these elements, the Charter aims to foster a more cohesive nation, for the good of the increasing multicultural nature, or Secularism, of Quebec. This cohesiveness, the Charter says, can be achieved by establishing clear rules for everyone, to maintain social peace and promote harmony.

The Charter is specifically from the Parti Québécois, while the other three major parties within Quebec are not in support of the Charter as it currently stands.

Bernard Drainville, the minister responsible for the Charter, highlights that citizens

are allowed to have freedom of political opinion in the same way they should have religious freedom, but that these personal convictions should be separate from the state. This freedom must be defended, and therefore the state must be neutral, showing independence from religions to ensure no bias.

What is permissible? The brochure, available online, gives the standard permissible and non-permissible illustrations, and the Charter states that conspicuous symbols will be banned, while smaller, non-conspicuous symbols are still allowed - such as a ring, a small necklace, or a pair of earrings [see next page for brochure].

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Walking with Our Sisters Display Comes to Edmonton Jessica Stambaugh DAG WRITER



Moccasin pairs made by Thomasa Rivas on display at Walking With Our Sisters

James Anaya, The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, arrived in Canada on the weekend of October 5th and 6th to assess the progress made to the quality of life for Aboriginal people in Canada. His focus lies with health care, housing, education, and social and economic rights.

His visit could not be coming at a more tenuous time. Not only is there an increasingly loud plea for recognition for the 600 missing and murdered Aboriginal women, but also the lack of funds for education, and deep impoverishment.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo commented that Anaya's visit will be "the holding up of a mirror, reflecting back to Canada, about its relationship with First Nations."

The federal government is hinging a large portion of Canada's prosperity on the development of natural re-

sources. Much of this will take place on or near Aboriginal lands. Anaya says that it is important for the federal government to consult with indigenous peoples "not just because of the social conflict but because of the inability of the project to go forward without the active support of the people most affected by the activity."

Nine days later, Anaya reported his findings in Ottawa, saying that "from all I have learned, I can only conclude that Canada faces a crisis when it comes to the situation of indigenous peoples of the country."

He reported that he believes Canada should postpone talks of education reforms and funding and re-initiate talks with Aboriginal leaders. He says that many First Nations people he spoke to have a deep concern and mistrust for education reforms, and believes that Canada needs to take these concerns into consideration before deci-

sions are made.

Atleo, the Assembly of First Nations Chief, vowed to discuss the missing and murdered Aboriginal women with Anaya upon his arrival, and the two did meet.

Anaya responded, saying that the unresolved cases of these Aboriginal women are a "disturbing phenomenon" and an "epidemic." He advised that the federal government launch a nationwide inquiry into these 600 women. He believes this will show a kind of "responsiveness" to the concerns raised by the loved ones and communities impacted by these uninvestigated crimes.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt disagreed, saying that "an inquiry would not bring anything more than we already know. So instead of further study and spinning our wheels, let's take action."

One way the First Nations community is trying to take some action and raise awareness is through the Walk with Our Sisters exhibit that is travelling across Canada. In its essence, it is "a massive commemorative art installation comprised of 1,600+ moccasin vamps (tops) created and donated by hundreds of caring and concerned individuals to draw attention to this injustice."

I attended this exhibit while it was at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, and it was an amazing experience. There are signs at the door telling visitors to remove their shoes, that food or drinks

are not allowed, and that photographs are not allowed.

Once these protocols have been taken care of, one walked into the larger viewing area containing couches and two large banners that describe the procedures that took place for the exhibit to come to life. They explain (that the procedures were in order to) respect tradition; elders had been consulted every step of the way.

The vamps and items in the exhibit were blessed in ceremony and smudged prior to the exhibition opening, and at each exhibit traditional protocols were observed. Music played in the background and the CD was compiled by Aboriginal artists singing traditional songs. Burning sage surrounded the display, and tobacco was available if one wished to leave an offering at the end of the display.

The display itself is awe-inspiring. The amount of detail that has gone into each set of moccasin tops took my breath away. The atmosphere in the room was so somber, and yet so inviting I felt obligated to stay quiet and yet never felt like I should not be there.

Some of the moccasin tops had intricate beadwork and paint depicting traditional symbols like the hummingbird, flowers, wolves, and bears. The vamps that caught a lot of people's attention were the ones that had a clear personal message. They had pictures of loved ones with words like "hope", or "love", or a message for their missing and mur-

dered loved one.

Two vamps set a true atmosphere: one was a woman's eyes and a "hello my name is" tag, and on the line where one is supposed to put their name it says "who cares". It put into perspective this sentiment felt among the Aboriginal community: that no one is listening, and no one cares what happens to their wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters. The tops were done all in beadwork and the obvious effort it took to complete the vamps was well worth the effort.

Another set of moccasin tops that caught my eye was a pair made entirely of words on a page, and "there are no words" was written in red rather than black. The medium used to try and express the emotion of the artist was all around. It was in the atmosphere, the sage burning, the music playing, the reserved and respectful participants, and the amount of work put into this exhibit.

The aim of Anaya's visit and report to the UN comes with the hope that the federal government will make a move to finding these missing women. The exhibit is a good display of the resolve that loved ones have in trying to find answers and bringing awareness to the injustices that have been plaguing Canada's Aboriginal people for years.

For more information, visit www.walkingwithoursisters.ca



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The fifth proposal, however, does state that there will be an implementation policy for organizations, in order to both be obedient to the law and process requests for religious accommodations. This way, the law can be obeyed, while individuals can still be respected.

Multiculturalism Minister Jason Kenney confirms that the federal government will review any law Quebec passes on this issue, and take necessary defensive action if the Charter were to violate the constitutional protections to freedom of religion.

Many are asking what action the federal government will be taking in light of the charter, as freedom of religion

has always been a clear priority for federal government.

Harper has commented that Quebecers want the government to focus on what is important to them: economy, safety, as well as cultural diversity, and that people of other backgrounds may participate and be welcomed in Quebec culture.

If the Charter does go through, Harper said that the federal government would take whatever actions necessary to ensure the constitutional protections from discrimination in Canada.

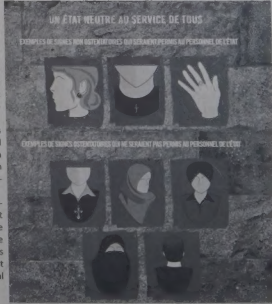
There are many questions being asked about the Charter of Quebec Values. How big or small is a conspicuous religious symbol? Is this encouraging equality? Is this encouraging freedom of religion,

or the opposite?

The desire to have a unified and cohesive Quebec is what brought this charter in to being. If implemented, will the religious neutrality the Charter outlines allow Quebec to be a more cohesive group? What does it mean for other provincial governments in Canada?

Polls suggest Quebecers are relatively equally divided on the issue. As the discussion continues, so do reactions from the people and other politicians.

The Charter is not something that will merely affect Quebec, but rather, should be considered in a national sense of what it means for Canada's constitutional rights and what it means to be a multicultural nation.



Top: Permissible religious symbols; bottom: prohibited religious symbols.

NOVEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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17	18 Success series: stress & self care	19	20	21 Fair Trade & Local Made Sale	22 Preview Day Hockey vs. CUCA	23
24	25 Wellness Week Success series: money management	26 Wellness Week	27 Wellness Week	28 Wellness Week RCR: David Myles	29 Wellness Week Curling: ACAC Regionals Hockey vs. RDC	30 Recital: Augustana Choir Curling: ACAC Regionals

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Delhi 2 Dublin to Rock Rose City Roots Olen Hillaby DAG WRITER

Take a break from the books this Halloween and treat yourself to some great musicians who put on an amazing show. Delhi 2 Dublin, a Canadian Celtic fusion band, will be playing at the Bailey Theatre at 8 o'clock on October 30th. The Rose City Roots Music Society (RCRMS) is working in conjunction with the Augustana Students' Association to bring this internationally known band to Camrose.

Rose City Roots has existed in Camrose since 2006 and strives to bring roots music to the community of Camrose. This registered non-profit organization is funded by local businesses and could not exist without the help and support of the community. RCRMS was originally founded to help strengthen and create a strong arts community within the downtown core by bringing in new and exciting live music.

Shows have been played at Scalliwags, and more recently at the Bailey Theatre. These concerts are meant both to enhance the Camrose music community as well as draw the people of Camrose into the downtown core to dine, shop and experience live entertainment.

Since the initiation of RCRMS Camrose has seen bands from many genres such as roots country, blues, folk

and roots rock. Working with the ASA to produce their latest show, RCRMS has been able to bring back world renowned band, Delhi 2 Dublin, for the second time.

Delhi 2 Dublin was founded in 2006 to play at the Vancouver Celtic Music Festival. After the conclusion of the festival the band's music was so well received that the members of the band decided to stay together and continue to make and perform their music. By December 2007 their debut self-titled album was released and quickly climbed to number three on the Canadian international music chart. Soon Delhi 2 Dublin could be heard on radio stations across Canada and spanning around the world to Europe and even Japan. The band has played live across Canada and Europe and has even been featured on Parliament Hill for Canada Day celebrations.

Delhi 2 Dublin features a unique style, combining a Celtic roots undertone with a modern pop flare. They create catchy tunes that [frequently make listeners sing and hum along.]

The band has five members: Tarun Nayar playing tuba and electronics, Sara Fitz-

patrick playing fiddle, Sanjay Seran on vocals, Andrew Kim playing both electric sitar and guitar, and Ravi Binning on percussion. This unique combination results in a band that with a huge amount of talent, playing classical instruments and percussion pieces such as the tabala combined with today's synthesized sounds of the keyboard and turntables.

Delhi 2 Dublin has released several albums including *Planet Electric* (2010), *Planet Electrified* (2011) and *Turn Up The Stereo* (2012).

In concert, Delhi 2 Dublin is very active on stage and engages the crowd creating a lively atmosphere. They have been known to play some of their original jams live, as well as songs off of their latest albums.

For more information, or to hear some of Delhi 2 Dublin's music, check out their website: www.delhi2dublin.com. The website features bios, tour dates, pictures, videos of the studio time and their latest music videos.

Tickets for the show are \$20 for general public or \$10 for students, and can be purchased from the ASA office, Candler Art Gallery, or the Bailey Box Office.



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